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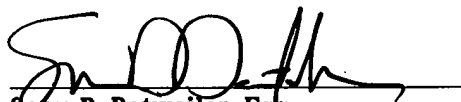
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Applicant and his Attorney are aware of the following publications and information, listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 hereby submit these publications for the Examiner's consideration. Reference ID Nos. A1-A4 were cited in an International Search Report mailed on January 15, 2003 during the prosecution of PCT/US00/24838 which corresponds to the above referenced application. A copy of the report and each cited publication is enclosed.

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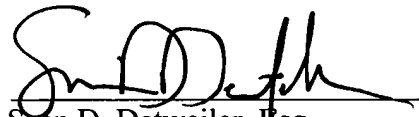


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